

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 1, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the May 18th meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

Minutes of the Executive Session of May 26th were approved with Commissioner Wilkinson initiating the motion and Commissioner Bacon seconding the motion.

IT

The Odyssey software used by the Clerk and the Courts is required to have its own server and scanners. Mark Bacon moved to allow the expenditure of \$5,000 to be paid from the Cumulative Capital Fund. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH

Wanda Henderson, Director of the Rush County Senior Citizens Center and Gerald McCauley board member appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2016 Indiana Department of Transportation Grant. The first action was to adopt the Authorizing Resolution. Mark Bacon moved to adopt the resolution and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Next to be considered was the grant for Rural & Small Urban Transit Assistance. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the grant with Mark Bacon offering a second. Motion carried.

Henderson then explained that she would be applying for a grant to add three new vehicles to the fleet at a later date.

MAYOR PAVEY

Mayor Mike Pavey asked the Commissioners to join the City of Rushville in signing a letter of support for a grant request to SET (Stronger Economic Ties). Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the letter. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor then requested the consideration of a joint resolution establishing an oversight board for records/maintenance of the Flatrock Levee. Mark Bacon moved to sign the resolution. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Pavey reported that the construction of the retention pond behind Blue Ribbon Estates is near completion.

RECORDER

Recorder Kevin Spilman requested the signatures on a Micro Film and a Redaction agreement. Mark Bacon moved to sign both contracts. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

EMA director Chuck Kemker requested the closing of County Road 700 East from Base Road to County Road 700 South on July 11th. The purpose is to conduct a training/accident exercise from 7:00a.m. to Noon. Paul Wilkinson moved to close the road for training. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend the director of Solid Waste announced the monthly Tox-Away day is Saturday, June 6th from 8:00a.m. to Noon at the Smiley Avenue location.

CHANGE OF MEETING

Commissioner Bacon requested a change of date from the December 28th meeting to December 23rd. Auditor Mary Ann Beard explained that the dates are scheduled to accommodate the claims and payroll process and that it would be difficult to expedite the process. The request was tabled until the next meeting.

WIND FARMS

A group of residents from the northeast section of the county were present to share their concerns about the proposed wind farm projects. Those speaking included Stu Linville, Victoria Foley, Ralph Adams, Renee Adams, Tierney Hall, Tom Monka, Linda Hall and Gordon Hall. The issues presented included the activity of Everpower Energy, mineral rights, discrepancies in the zoning ordinance, eminent domain, stray voltage crop dusting, and the concern of environmental issues, value of property, and the economic impact compared to the quality of life.

Commissioner Levi shared that the three agreements with NextEra have been signed and abatement has been granted by the County Council. The agreements with APEX have not been approved. Commissioner Bacon stated that those concerned should not assume that the APEX Wind Farm is a done deal. Bruce Levi stated that due diligence will be taken in this decision and that questions or comments are welcomed.

Mark Bacon moved for a ten minute recess. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Commissioner Levi reconvened the meeting.

AFLAC PRE-TAX

Auditor Beard presented a contract to allow AFLAC insurance premiums a Section 125 pre-tax status. Paul Wilkinson moved to allow AFLAC deductions to be pre-taxed subject to the review of the county attorney. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) has requested to expand the office space that is currently leased in the Courthouse Annex. The Rushville Republican would like a lease for less space. Commissioner Levi is working on the requests.

ATTORNEY

Leigh Morning attorney presented the following Reimbursement Resolution to allow expenses before the jail bond is issued. Mark Bacon moved to sign the resolution. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Morning then introduced the Terms of Agreement to hire Barnes & Thornburg as bond counsel for the jail/renovation project. The hourly rate would be included in the bond. Mark Bacon moved to sign the letter of agreement and consent to engage Barnes & Thornburg LLP as bond counsel. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- EMS reports were received from Anderson Township.
- Verlin Custer of Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department submitted an article regarding volunteer EMS personnel in rural communities.

Paul Wilkinson moved to approve claims. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Payroll claims were approved on a motion made by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor